

Captain Samuel Taylor House
5½ miles northeast of Harrodsburg
Kentucky

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1708 Heyburn Building, Louisville, Ky.

CAPTAIN SAMUEL TAYLOR HOUSE
Vicinity of Harrodsburg, Kentucky.

Physical Data

Present owner: Andrew Higginbotham.

Present occupant and use: Andrew Higginbotham - Farm House.

Description (present condition)

Wall construction: Original part, stone - later north and east wings, brick.

Size and form: T-shaped plan, 55'-5" across front x 20'-3½" deep. Rear wing, 41'-10½" deep x 18'-7¾" wide.

Number stories: 2-story main section, 1-story rear wing.

Front porch: Wood posts and roof, not original.

Side porches: Two, small, not original.

Exterior openings, windows: Double hung, 12-light, plaster jambs, second floor; 15-light, wood panel jambs, first floor.

Exterior openings, doors: 6-panel originally.

Cornice: Wood.

Roofing: Wood shingles.

Chimneys: Stone at ends of gables, brick at newer parts.

Interior

Floors: Ash.

Doors: 6-panel.

Trim: Mitered, integral part of frame. Corner block trim - "doorbell trim" - at doors in newer parts.

Mantels: Carved wood - variation of Georgian and Adam types.

Stairways: Wood, with plain wood balusters and handrail.

Plasterwork: No special.

Additions and alterations: Brick wings added to north and east. East wing estimated to have been added about 1820; north wing later. Front door, originally in center of stone portion, now replaces original south window. Stair and partition in stone portion have been moved.

Old outbuildings: Springhouse, with stone foundation and log superstructure.

Historical Data

Year of erection: 1790 (original stone portion).

Built for (first owner): Capt. Samuel Taylor.

Architect or designer: Unknown.

Built by: Unknown.

Original intended use: Residence.

Notable events and occupants:

This house, built by Capt. Samuel Taylor, carries the date, 1790, together with the builder's initials, on a large round stone embedded in the wall above what was originally the front door, and on which is also carved the motto, "LOOK TO YOUR LAWS RATHER THAN PROGENITORS FOR INHERITANCE."

*Capt. Taylor moved to Frankfort, Kentucky, near the beginning of the 19th century. While living there his daughter, Fanny, married John Glover. Capt. Taylor transferred the stone house and lands to them prior to his death in 1812. The Glover family, after selling the Taylor land, stone and log houses in 1836 to the Vivion family, moved to St. Louis. Samuel Taylor Glover (son of John and Fanny Taylor Glover) was a lawyer, and his son (or grandson), John Glover, was Congressman for some years.

Reference: *From a letter to Mr. Charles E. Peterson, dated June 1, 1940, written by Neva Longfellow Williams of The Harrodsburg Herald, whose great-grandfather, Dr. John M. Taylor, was a son of Capt. Samuel Taylor.

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